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Welcome

The Briscoe Briefs wishes to welcome the seventh grade pupils to Briscoe. They have already shown the right spirit by contributing to our paper. We hope that they will take part in many of our school activities.

We also extend a hearty welcome to our three new teachers, Miss Robbins, Miss Hartshorn, and Miss Bernor, who already seem like old friends. We feel sure that they will enjoy Briscoe very much.

The Christmas Spirit

As Christmas draws near we all should try to show the right spirit. We must remember that each one of us is a part of Briscoe and that everything we do reflects on the school. For our sake, the sake of our principal, our teachers, our fellow pupils, and the reputation of our school, we should all co-operate.

We need this spirit not only in our studies, which includes our home work, but in our games and our clubs. If we all remember the meaning of Briscoe; be prompt, respectful, and intelligent, observe the safety first rules, co-operate, be obedient, and loyal, we will make the Christmas season at Briscoe a happy one.

Pauline Leighton, Editor

Our Debating Club

There are almost twice as many members enlisted in the debating club this year as in the previous one. The officers are: President, Max Rubinstein; Secretary, Dorothy Hatch; Judges, Miss Hatch, Miss Lapham, Miss Shatswell; Chief Advisor, Mr. Cronin.

We have had one debate, "Resolved that the Briscoe Boys and Girls need the Debating Club".

The negative side won.

Dorothy Hatch

Girls' Glee Club Formed

A Girls' Glee Club has been formed at the Briscoe School under the supervision of Miss Dexter. Later in the year we hope to show our work by rendering a concert. We meet every Monday night. Last week the following officers were elected: President, Thelma Dutelle; Secretary - Treasurer, Mary Galvin; Librarian, Virginia Allen.

Thelma Dutelle

7 - C

7 - C is writing paragraphs in hygiene. Each row writes about a certain health rule. This makes the work very interesting,

Barbara Jones

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8 - G - H

In Geography we are studying the countries of Asia. Each row is making a different notebook. Some of the titles are: Customs, Commerce, Travel Catalogues, and Industries. Every Tuesday we have Asiatic news flashes over our radio. Ernest Duncan is our announcer.

Phyllis Patch

The Disappointment

"I want a bicycle, a cart, and a jack-knife for Christmas!" shouted little Jimmy, who was six years old. Jimmy's big brother came into the room and asked, "Why are you praying so loudly? God isn't deaf." Jimmy replied, "I know that, but Grandma is almost deaf and she is in the next room."

The night before Christmas Jim came to the conclusion that his stocking was too small so he borrowed his big brother's stocking. On second thought he decided to hang up a pair of his brother's stockings.

When he awoke in the night he thought that he heard Santa Claus coming in, so he covered his head with the blanket.

In the morning he rushed in to see what was in his stockings. Much to his surprise he found one full of paper and the other full of wood. On top of the one with paper was a note which read, "Present inside." Jim said to himself, "It might be a diamond or a gold piece, or something." He unwound the paper for about fifteen minutes before he found a little box. He thought of the good things that might be in it. When he opened it, he found two walnuts.

He opened one and found another note that had a picture of a pig and these words, "Don't be a hog!" Jim opened the other walnut and in this was a note saying, "Look under this," followed by a picture of a bed. Jim thought that it meant the couch in the parlor, so he dove under the couch and found his brother laughing at him.

His big brother then took him into the bedroom and showed him his presents under the bed.

Jimmy was happy once more, but he never forgot his Christmas morning lesson.

Clement Aldrich, 8-G-E

The Boys' Glee Club

The Boys' Glee Club is making good headway under the supervision of Miss Dexter. We elected officers a week ago. They are as follows: President, Foster Terrio;

Treasurer and Secretary, William Fitzgerald; Librarian, John Ward.

We now have forty-five members and are expecting more to join.

Robert Patch

8 - G - E

8-G-E was sorry to lose one of its most popular members, Jack Matthews, who has moved to Brookline. The boys of his division gave him a cheer the day of his departure from Briscoe and sang a song entitled "Bye, Bye, Jackie" to him.

Robert Patch

Advisory Council Election

The advisory council election was held at Briscoe in October. The polls, which were located in the lunch room and the play room, were open from 8:00 to 8:45 in the morning and from 1:00 to 1:30 in the afternoon. Real ballot boxes were used and altogether it was a success.

Editor.

8 - G - E

Two boys from 8-G-E have some interesting pictures in Miss Hazelton's room. One which was drawn by William Morin shows a Shinta Bridge. The other drawn by Fred Anderson is a picture of Fujiyama. They are very interesting.

Phyllis Patch

7 - L

Miss Lyons' Health Committee has been giving some interesting talks on health. Many of the pupils bring in pictures to illustrate their topics. Miss Lyons gave us some health rules and special talks on hygiene.

George Magnon

7 - B

The boys of 7-B have had perfect attendance for the month of Oct., and the girls have had eleven days of perfect attendance. There are nineteen children that have not been absent, tardy, or dismissed this year.

Lorraine Lamb

7 - Mc

7-Mc has a 100 p.c. position card and eight people on the honor roll. Jennie Laranzana and Virginia Parsella were the first ones on the honor roll.

Frances Chiplovitz

8 - G - Ha

We have had 100 p.c. in banking so far this year.

We have 20 names on our penmanship honor roll and a 100 p.c. position card.

Helen Titony

November Assembly

The November assembly was held under the direction of Miss Barker and Miss Hartshorn. Many interesting stories concerning Thanksgiving were told, and Governor Fuller's proclamation was read. A Thanksgiving play was then presented. The play taught the pupils to be thankful for their advantages, such as good schools and happy homes. The orchestra played several selections. It was enjoyed by all present.

Vera M. Lewis, 8 G A

Jokes

John: We could not start the Lizzie.

Miss Harrison: Don't call it Lizzie.

John: What shall I call it?

Miss Harrison: Call it Elizabeth.

Miss Murray: William, to what race do the Mongols belong?

William: They belong to the human race.

The Spirit of Briscoe

Summer days were gone, and now September arrived beautifully robed in scarlet and gold. With her came "school days". At least one little girl did not welcome them. She was going to Briscoe this year. How dazed she seemed, as if awakened from some terrible dream!

The morning appointed for the opening dawned fair as a rose. With unusual slowness Mary Louise made her preparations for school; and with lagging footsteps she descended the stairs, her usual cheerful spirit lacking.

After offering a cold "Hello" to her waiting companion, she spoke no more until high red bricks showed her dreaded destination was near.

"Horrid old prison," she burst out angrily, "I hate it." "Why Mary Louise Lynch!" cried Anna, her chum, in a tone of surprise and distress, "Don't you want to go to Briscoe?"

"No, I don't," exclaimed the young rebel, "It's a horrid old prison."

"Briscoe isn't a prison," exclaimed Anna coolly. "I know for my brother goes and he says if you obey Mr. Cronin and the teachers you have a fine time."

Thus the conversation ended. Wise Anna well knew that experience would prove that she was right. So it did. At the end of the first week Mary Louise rather sheepishly came and told Anna she liked school a little better. Anna smiled faintly for she saw the growing eagerness and the smile of contentment on Mary Louise's face, and she well knew what would follow.

At the end of the first quarter Mary Louise shone as an honor roll pupil. She found that by co-operating she had helped her class in various ways.

Another year passed and as Mary Louise turned her back on

Briscoe, she exclaimed in a happy tremulous tone, "Long live the Spirit of Briscoe, and a wonderful spirit it is!"

Rosella Fagen 8-C-S

Historical Beverly Paintings

Hanging on the wall along the corridors of the first floor of the new building are some pictures showing the early history of Beverly. Some of the important ones are: the First School House; Cabot Street in 1855; Hospital Point; the First Sunday School; the First Cotton Mill in America, and Powder House on Prospect Hill. These pictures were painted by the following boys of last year's eighth grade under the supervision of Miss Lyons, the Art Instructor. Robert Price, Robert Fuller, Lawrence Kearns, Leslie McGeoghegan, Norman Crandall, Norman Knowles, James Dallas, Alfred Doherty, Alfred Seccombe, William Foster, Samuel Furnari.

We appreciate the excellent work of these boys because it makes the history of Beverly so real to us.

The public is cordially invited to see this exhibition.

Helen Martin, 8 C S

October Assembly

The October assembly which was given by 8-G-A was enjoyed by all.

The meaning of Briscoe was dramatized in a clever manner.

- B - Be prompt
- R - Respectfulness
- I - Intelligence
- S - Safety first
- C - Co-operation
- O - Obedience
- E - Everyone loyal

We hope that the pupils will remember the golden rules of Briscoe and live up to them.

Editor.